



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes August 24, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on August 24, 2009 at SEAS:

#### Event Debriefs

- 8/15 Swimming at Double V – Troop 209 was able to have an afternoon of swimming at Double V where scouts could complete portions of their swimming merit badges. Barbara Pieper and Carlos, the merit badge councilor from Camp Lawton Summer Camp, were on hand to supervise the scouts. Todd Wickizer was given a list of what portions of the merit badges were completed by the scouts.
- 8/15 JW Thompson Eagle Project – Troop 209 scouts and adults helped JW out with his Eagle project up in Catalina, AZ. The project consisted of building a wildlife observation blind. Scouts worked from 8:00 AM till Noon.
- 8/21-8/23 Tombstone Campout – Troop 209 went to Tombstone for a weekend campout that featured an opportunity for scouts to work on a Rifle Shooting merit badge. Some of the comments about the weekend include:
  - It rained!
  - All scout who wanted to shoot got a chance to shoot. None of the scouts, however, were able to accomplish the accuracy tests that were needed for one of the merit badge requirements. Accuracy did improve in an afternoon shoot from the morning shoot.
  - Robert Malis will be trying to arrange an opportunity for scouts to go to a local shooting range so that they could work on completing the requirements.
  - Those who didn't shoot went for a road trip into Tombstone to sight-see.
  - There were issues...again...with the equipment. Most notably, the trailer was not secured for the trip back and lanterns, packers, etc. came off shelves onto the trailer floor. The committee asked that the scouts meet next Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM to reorganize the trailer and to see what was damaged so that the trailer is ready for the Labor Day campout at Quemado Lake, NM.
    - One of the stoves was reported to be missing an adaptor/connector
    - Two tents had broken zippers.
  - Dave Ammons will be sending a Thank You letter and patch/neckerchief be sent to the people in Tombstone who provided the campsite, and horse demonstration. These were free of cost to the troop.

## Near Term Events

- 8/30 Court of Honor at Double V – The following was discussed regarding the Court of Honor at Double V:
  - Swimming will be available from 2:00-4:30 PM. Barbara Pieper, Jim Tarleton, and John Longhofer will be able to supervise. This is also an opportunity to complete any outstanding requirements for swimming merit badges. Barbara will see if Carlos is again available so that the Lifesaving merit badge requirements could be supervised.
  - The activities for the day will be held at Ramada Grande. Dinner will be from 5:00-6:00 PM. John Wares, Shannon Marty, Barbara Pieper, and John Longhofer will be preparing pulled pork and barbecued beef.
  - The awards ceremony will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Paul Horton will be the master of ceremony.
  - Postcards were mailed out. Families with last names beginning with A-O will be asked to bring side dishes such as coleslaw and those with P-Z will be asked to bring desserts.
  - Dave Ammons will bring plastic knives/forks/spoons from the scout trailer along with the 5 gallon containers for drinks.
  - Drinks will be lemonade and water and Barbara Pieper will provide the lemonade.
  - John Longhofer will be bringing speaker and amplifier.
  - A Tour Permit will need to be obtained. Joe Vaskovic will contact Chris Pendleton about the permit.
- 8/31 Scout Meeting on Monday – There will be a scout meeting following Sunday's Court of Honor in order to reorganize the scout equipment trailer and to plan for the upcoming Labor Day campout at Quemado Lake, NM.
- Popcorn Sales – Carol Dusek gave a presentation regarding popcorn sales and noted:
  - 13 Show & Sells have been arranged and Carol has a sign-up board available for scouts to select a time/place to sell popcorn.
  - Forms, money, and prize info will need to be turned in by October.
  - Donations were discussed and Carol and Barbara Pieper will check with Council on where the donations will go. There is a question as to whether the money goes to the troop or to the military.
- 9/3 Pack 261 Assistance – Pete Pederson asked if 4-5 scouts would be available to help Pack 261 by supervising the cub scouts during their regular scout meeting while the adults discuss their upcoming activities.
  - The meeting is from 6:30 – 7:30 PM and is held at the Quail Run Elementary School on Cortaro Farms Road.
- 9/4-9/7 Quemado Lake Campout, NM – The committee discussed the upcoming campout to Quemado Lake and the following was discussed:
  - Several adults will be leaving on Friday but most of the scouts will be leaving on Saturday. For Friday, those are:
    - David Tetrault – 8:00 AM
    - Dan Malone – 2:00 PM
    - Steve Bersack – 2:00 PM
    - Dave Ammons – 4:00 PM
  - Two canoe trailers and the scout trailer will need to be taken up. The following will be bringing the trailers:
    - Dave Ammons – scout trailer

- Dan Malone – canoe trailer
    - Mike Knutson- canoe trailer
    - Canoes will need to be picked up prior to Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike Knutson will contact Tim at Double V (883-5435 or 591-7043) regarding when to pick the canoes up.
  - Departure time for scouts was discussed and it was agreed that the main departure will be on Saturday. Scouts will be asked to arrive at SEAS at 5:30 AM for a 6:00 AM departure. The trip will take approximately 6-7 hrs. Friday departure was discussed but Mike Knutson cautioned that we would need to leave early afternoon because of the long trip. Early Saturday morning was then decided upon.
  - Scouts will leave the camp for Tucson on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with arrival anticipated to be late afternoon.
  - The committee agreed that this will be a Family Camp. Families will be able to camp at the site with the scouts and be able to eat with the adults.
  - Cost for the campout was decided to be \$15/person and will be collected next Monday.
  - Pete Pederson will be overseeing fly fishing requirements and will provide a list of scouts who still need to complete some of their merit badge requirements.
- 9/7 Labor Day – No scout meeting
  - 9/19 Wasson Peak Hike – This hike was discussed with the following noted:
    - There are two trail heads with one leading to a 10 mile round trip and one for a 6 mile round trip. A trailhead will need to be selected.
    - Jeff Young and Ed Madson offered to supervise the hike.
    - Webelos participation was discussed and Barbara Pieper offered to prepare a flyer for Roundtable (September 10<sup>th</sup>) to advertise the hike.
    - An 8:00 AM departure time was suggested.

### **Future Events**

- 10/12 – There will not be a scout meeting on Columbus Day.
- 10/16 – 10/18 Camporee – The fall camporee will be held at Willow Springs Ranch. This was the site of a recent camporee. Details will be made available closer to the date.

### **Scoutmaster Update**

- Mike Knutson gave the following update at the meeting:
  - Mike said to plan on leaving either early Friday afternoon or really early Saturday morning for the Quemado Lake Campout due to the long travel time.
    - The suggested route to Quemado Lake is up through Show Low rather than Safford. The Show Low route is easier with the trailers.
    - Mike will be e-mailing a route map for the trip to Quemado Lake to the troop.
    - Canoes have been reserved and should be picked up before Friday.
    - The Quemado Lake Campout will be the scouts planning camp for the next year's activities. Newly elected scout leaders will be involved.

- The Tombstone Campout was a success despite the rain.
- Northern Tier participants will need to make another deposit for the trip in October. The amount will be \$167.
  - Participants should be thinking of how to travel to northern Minnesota and consider one possibility of flying to Minneapolis.

### **Subcommittees**

- Ernie Vigil handed out a Treasure's report listing the troop's funds including scout account dollars and a listing of expenditures by the troop going back to 2006.
  - Several scouts no longer active with the troop were highlighted in red. There was a discussion about what to do with the funds and Dave Ammons said the Troop Handbook outlines what to do.
- Troop Equipment will need to be checked regarding the zippers on two tents and the adapter for one of the stoves and this could occur next Monday when the scouts repack the trailer.
- The Webelos transition program the Council has initiated hasn't really begun yet. Barbara Pieper and Barbara Gowdy are overseeing this for the troop.
- Jim Tarleton reviewed that on-line training is available to adults through the Council website.
  - On 8/29, the Council will offer the class Trainers Edge and it will be held at SEAS. This class is to teach people how to teach and will eventually become a program that scout leaders will need to participate in. Please contact the Council offices for registration.
- Merit badge opportunities currently being overseen by councilors include: Fly Fishing, Cycling, Canoeing, Swimming, and now Rifle Shooting.
- 2010 Jamboree participation by the Council is being organized. Scouts can sign up with the Council and make a down payment. Contact the Council office regarding further information.

### **Other Topics**

- Due to shortage of time, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on the following agenda items:
  - Equipment Fundraisers:
    - Nila Horton Fundraiser Update
    - Honey Baked Hams
  - Den Chiefs
    - Carol Dusek made a comment that she had heard that Pack 209 wasn't getting that much information about Troop 209 and that she heard that some Webelos were planning on crossing over to Troop 211. There was discussion to try to notify the Pack of upcoming Troop 209 activities.